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UPPER CLUTHA TRACKS TRUST

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Other Comments

Would you like to comment on any other aspect of this draft 10 Year Plan?

See attached submission



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THE UPPER CLUTHA TRACKS TRUST

The Upper Clutha Tracks Trust's objects are

"To promote, support, fund and advocate for the establishment of:

- 1 a functional interconnected network of tracks for walking, hiking, cycling, mountain biking, horse riding, roller skating, and any similar recreational leisure activities in the Upper Clutha area, whenever such trails will contribute to the social, cultural, environmental or economic wellbeing of residents or visitors to the District.
- 2 The roading network for commuter and recreational road cycling.

The Trust also endorses, and works to achieve the QLDC strategy for Walking and Cycling in the Upper Clutha Basin.



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The stated goals of the Strategy are

- 1 Make walking and cycling an attractive and safe option for getting around the Upper Clutha area
- 2 Promote the opportunities for walking and cycling in Upper Clutha.
- 3 Ensure that the needs of pedestrians and cyclists are always fully taken into account in the Council's land use and transport planning, recreation planning, urban design, engineering and land development process.
- 4 Deliver a consistent approach to walkways in the Upper Clutha by working in partnership with other landowners agencies and interested parties.

The first goal states further the objective

1. To continue to expand the walking and cycling infrastructure network in the Upper Clutha area using this strategy as guidance, but also responding to emerging needs and opportunities.

THE UPPER CLUTHA TRACKS TRUST SUBMISSION IS:

The Trust notes that there is no provision in the 10 year plan for tracks and walkways for the Wanaka Ward, whilst there is a substantial sum in the plan for the Queenstown Ward.

The Trust has been working with Council on two projects that involve land swaps that will provide key links to the Upper Clutha Track Network. Both these projects have made substantial progress this year and the Trust is disappointed that the 10 year plan, as presented, had not provided funding for the resultant tracks.

These projects are:-

Newcastle Road “replacement” (Time Scale – 2016/17)

(A direct link between the Hawea Flat Community and the Hawea River Track)

- 2.8 km from Hawea Flat to Hawea River Track, linking Hawea Flat into the cycle network
- 2.5m wide gravel path across (1.5km) of Camphill Farm owned by Devon Dairies; fencing both sides, some screening/planting plus stock underpass. Track access subject to Legal Road Land swap agreement.
- 1.5m wide gravel path along 1.3km of formed part of Newcastle Rd.

- Estimate \$150,000 Track & other associated works

- Estimate \$150,000 track underpass



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Dublin Bay to Maungawera Valley (time scale 2017/18)

- 4 km from Dublin Bay to Maungawera Valley Road
- 1.5m cycle track utilising marginal strip; reliant on realignment of legal road with Mt Burke Station
- **Estimate \$ 150,000.00**

The Trust has also had discussions with the Cardrona Ratepayers & Residents group regarding a track linking Cardrona with Wanaka. This track forms items 26, 36 and 45 of the Upper Clutha Walking and Cycling Strategy.

This project has complex land ownership issues and on this basis has been led by the Residents Association rather than the Trust. The Trust believes that this group will be submitting on the 10 year plan in respect of funding and believes that it is reasonable that some funds toward the track, which is likely to be a long term project, should be included in the budget.

The Trust believes that all of the above projects, most of which are in the Upper Clutha Walking and Cycling Strategy, have the support of the local community, form key parts of the track network, and should be considered for financial support from QLDC both in the 10 Year Plan.

The Trust would therefore request that these be considered for partial funding in the current 10 year plan and subsequent annual plans.

THE REASONS FOR THE TRUST'S SUBMISSION:

The Trust was jointly set up QLDC and DOC to work alongside them to develop the walking and cycling track network in the Upper Clutha.

The Trust initially worked closely with QLDC on the development of the Hawea River Track and the Gendhu Bay Track. However for the last few years QLDC's main focus has been on the Wakatipu Basin and the Queenstown Trail in particular, and as a result the UCTT has, until recently, been working almost exclusively with DOC in the Upper Clutha Basin.

The success of the Trust model is that it allows fund raising from donor bodies and Trusts that are not directly available to QLDC and DOC and therefore increases the funding available for track construction. When the Upper Clutha Tracks Trust seeks funds from donor groups and Trusts, the support of either QLDC and/or DOC substantially increases the credibility of the application and its chances of obtaining additional funds.



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The Upper Clutha Tracks Trust acknowledges that QLDC has recently starting working more closely with the Trust and wish to see this develop further with support for the Upper Clutha Tracks Trust and its projects through funding in the 10 year plan.

The Trust submission is in line with our goals and those of the QLDC strategy document for Walking and Cycling in the Upper Clutha Basin.

The application gives the council the chance to assist in the creation key missing links within the Upper Clutha Track network.

THE TRUST'S SUBMISSION WOULD BE MET BY COUNCIL:

Allocating funds to the Wanaka Ward Walkways section of the 10 Year Plan budget to support the projects described above.

The Upper Clutha Tracks Trust does wish to be heard in support of this submission.

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Date: _____ 28th April 2015 _____

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